

The Army Regimental System

The Army Regimental System is governed by Army Regulation 870-21. Many questions you may have can be answered in the Regulation or you can call the action officer in the Office of the Chief of Infantry at (706) 545-5143.

Please forward all requests for nomination to: usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.ociweb@mail.mil

A packet will include:

Nomination signed by or concurred with by the 1st Active Battalion Commander in the regiment.

Proof that the nominee served in the Regiment if applying for an Honorary Position or Distinguished Member position.

Proposed presentation date.

Mailing address for return of the certificates.

How the name should read on the certificate.

Nomination, selection, and appointment to honorary or distinguished positions.

(1) The responsibility of consolidating nominations of individuals for the HCOR or HCOC, HWOOR or HWOOC, HSGMOR or HSGMOC, DMOR or DMOC, and HMOR or HMOC, rests with the Active Army commander charged with the regimental responsibilities. Nominations will be forwarded to the Chief of Infantry.

(2) The ultimate decision for selection and responsibility for appointment of an individual to serve as an HCOR or HCOC, HWOOR or HWOOC, HSGMOR or HSGMOC, DMOR or DMOC, and HMOR or HMOC rests with the Chief of Infantry.

(3) Nominations may be solicited from several sources (regimental associations, Active Army commanders, incumbent Honorary Colonels or Sergeants Major, Distinguished Members of the Regiment, and others).

(4) The Chief of Infantry will provide signed appointment certificates which will provide visibility and allow tracking of the Honorary Colonels or Sergeants Major and Warrant Officers.

POSITIONS

(1) *Honorary Colonel of the Regiment or Corps (HCOR or HCOC).*

(a) The HCOR or HCOC is a distinguished retired commissioned officer in the rank of colonel or above, with former service in a unit of the regiment or corps.

(b) Each regiment or corps will have an HCOR or HCOC, but only one HCOR or HCOC will serve in the regiment or corps at any given time. Additionally, no one officer can serve as HCOR or HCOC for more than one regiment or corps simultaneously. The HCOR or HCOC oversees other honorary position programs and their maintenance. The HCOR or HCOC may also act as a liaison between his or her regiment or corps and a regimental or corps association (private organization) if one exists.

(c) The duties of a HCOR or HCOC are ceremonial and do not conflict with the chain of command. Attendance at regimental or corps functions is by invitation and participation is encouraged.

(d) The position offers to the regiment or corps the prestige, stature, and experience of the officer appointed as HCOR or HCOC. The HCOR or HCOC assists in fostering regimental or corps esprit, traditions, and perpetuation of the history of the regiment or corps.

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(e) HCOR or HCOC appointees will be appointed as Distinguished Members of the regiment or corps simultaneously with their appointment as HCOR or HCOC.

(2) *Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment or Corps (HSGMOR or HSGMOC).*

(a) The HSGMOR or HSGMOC is a distinguished retired NCO in the rank of sergeant first class (SFC) or above with prior service in a unit of the regiment or corps.

(b) Where applicable, each regiment or corps will have an HSGMOR or HSGMOC, but only one will serve in the regiment or corps at any given time. No one HSGMOR or HSGMOC can serve for more than one regiment or corps simultaneously.

(c) The duties of the HSGMOR or HSGMOC within the regiment or corps are ceremonial and do not conflict with the chain of command. Attendance at regimental or corps functions is by invitation, and participation is encouraged.

(d) The position offers to the regiment or corps the prestige, stature, and experience of the noncommissioned officer appointed as HSGMOR or HSGMOC. The HSGMOR or HSGMOC will assist the HCOR or HCOC in perpetuating the history of the regiment or corps.

(e) HSGMOR or HSGMOC appointees will be appointed as Distinguished Members of the Regiment or Corps simultaneously with their appointment as HSGMOR or HSGMOC.

(3) *Distinguished Members of the Regiment and Corps (DMOR or DMOC).*

(a) DMOR or DMOC are individuals of the same distinguished stature as the HCOR or HCOC, HWOOR or HWOOC, and HSGMOR or HSGMOC, but may include Active Army, USAR, retired officers, warrant officers, enlisted soldiers, and civilians.

(b) An example of a DMOR or DMOC would be a prior enlisted soldier of the regiment or corps recognized for his or her accomplishments, or a distinguished member of the civilian community with former service in the regiment or corps. All DMOR or DMOC must have served in the regiment or corps.

(c) DMOR or DMOC are appointed to supplement and assist the efforts of the HCOR or HCOC, HWOOR or HWOOC, and HSGMOR or HSGMOC. Their tenure is indefinite. Unlike the solitary appointment of other honorary positions, there are no limitations on the number of personnel who may be appointed as DMOR or DMOC.

(d) The duties of DMOR or DMOC are ceremonial and do not conflict with those of the chain of command. Attendance at regimental or corps functions is by invitation and participation is encouraged.

(e) The position offers the prestige, stature, and experience of the individual appointed as DMOR or DMOC.

(f) Posthumous awards of the DMOR or DMOC are permissible and are at the discretion of the regiment or corps.

(4) *Honorary Members of the Regiment or Corps (HMOR or HMOC).*

(a) HMOR or HMOC are soldiers, their spouses, and individuals who have made a contribution or provided a service to a regiment or corps, but who are not members of the regiment or corps making the presentation. Recognition of Active Army, USAR, or retired soldiers and civilians is appropriate.

(b) HMOR or HMOC are appointed for an indefinite period of time in recognition of their contributions and service to the regiment or corps. There are no limitations on the number of personnel who may be appointed as HMOR or HMOC.